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SUBJ: OULD DADDAH'S CHINA VISIT, NOUAKCHOTT PORT

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SUMMARY: PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH CONFIRMS PRC PLEDGE CONSTRUCT DEEP WATER PORT AT NOUAKCHOTT, PORT WILL PRESUMABLY BE FINANCED THROUGH PRC LOAN OF 55.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

1. PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 29, DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING RETURN FROM TWO-WEEK OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA, THE PRC'S "DEFINITIVE ENGAGEMENT TO BUILD A DEEP WATER PORT FOR NOUAKCHOTT. PRESIDENT ALSO ANNOUNCED A CHINESE LOAN OF 55.5 MILLION DOLLARS, PRESUMABLY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PORT. THERE WERE NO FURTHER DETAILS ON LOAN TERMS OR PORT CONSTRUCTION. NOUAKCHOTT IS PRESENTLY SERVED BY LIGHTERS ONLY, THERE BEING NO DEEP-WATER ANCHORAGE.

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2. OULD DADDAH ADDED THAT THE CHINESE ALSO PLEDGED CONSTRUCT

A TEN-THOUSAND SEAT SPORT STADIUM AND TO SEND
TECHNICIANS TO STUDY POTENTIAL FOR SUGAR CANE AND
COTTON FARMING.

3. DURING COURSE OULD DADDAH'S PRC VISIT, PRESIDENT MADE
BRIEF DETOUR TO NORTH KOREA AND THEREFORE FELT OBLIGED DURING
PRESS CONFERENCE TO RE-HASH LAST YEARS KOREAN PLEDGE CONSTRUCT
SMALL GARMENT FACTORY. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, KOREANS
WOULD NOW BUILD KINDERGARTEN FOR CHILDREN OF FACTORY EMPLOYEES
AND ALLUDED VAGUELY TO THE SENDING OF KOREAN AGRICULTURAL
TECHNICIANS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH OULD DADDAH WENT TO PEKING, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, TO PRESS FOR FINANCING AND CONSTRUCTION
OF SENEGAL RIVER DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION'S (OMVS) CENTER-
PIECE PROJECT OF A DAM AT MANATAILI, MALI (SEE REFA), PRESIDENT
MADE NO MENTION OF DAM OR OMVS DURING PRESS CONFERENCE.
OMVS FAILED OBTAIN DEFINITIVE FINANCING OF DAM FROM WESTERN
AND ARAB DONORS DURING JULY OMVS-DONOR CONFERENCE IN NOUAKCHOTT.
BUT, THE PRC REPORTEDLY AGREED STUDY PROJECT AND THERE WAS
OPTIMISTIC SPECULATION CHINESE WOULD AGREE BUILD DAM ONCE
OTHER DONORS MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTIONS. AS FORMER
OMVS PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH WORKED HARD OBTAIN FINANCING FOR
DAM AND HIS FAILURE EVEN MENTION OMVS PROJECT MIGHT MEAN
CHINESE HAVE CHOSEN NOUAKCHOTT PORT OVER MORE EXPENSIVE
MANATALI DAM. DAM WOULD NECESSARILY INVOLVE CHINESE IN
UNCHARACTERISTIC COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS WHO WOULD
FINANCE COMPLIMENTARY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.
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